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SUBJ: TURKISH DECISION IN PRINCIPLE TO AUTHORIZE RESUMPTION

POPPY CULTIVATION ON CONDITION POPPIES SHOULD NOT BE LANCED.

FOLLOWING ARE TEXTS OF COMMUNICATIONS DATED SEPT 13 SENT
BY AMBASSADOR KIRCA TO INCB SECRETARY DITTERT AND DND
DIRECTOR MARTENS ON SUBJECT QUESTION:

A. TEXT OF LETTER TO DITTERT:

"THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT HAS, IN PRINCIPLE, DECIDED TO
AUTHORIZE RESUMPTION OF POPPY CULTIVATION IN TURKEY ON THE
CONDITION THAT POPPIES SHOULD NOT BE LANCED.

"FULL APPLICATION OF THIS PRINCIPLE IS PENDING THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF ECONOMIC MEASURES AND INITIATIVES RELATING
TO THIS PRACTICE AND TO THE PROTECTION OF THE NATIONAL
ECONOMY.

"I AM ENCLOSING HERewith A COPY OF THE DECLARATION OF THE
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ON THIS SUBJECT WHICH HAS BEEN
RELEASED ON SEPTEMBER 12, 1974."B. TEXT OF LETTER TO MARTENS:

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"I HAVE THE HONOUR TO INFORM YOU THAT THE COUNCIL OF

MINISTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY, DURING ITS MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 12, 1974, HAS DECIDED, IN PRINCIPLE, TO AUTHORIZE RESUMPTION OF POPPY CULTIVATION IN TURKEY ON THE CONDITION THAT POPPIES SHOULD NOT BE LANCED. THE APPLICATION OF THIS PRINCIPLE IS PENDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ECONOMIC MEASURES AND INITIATIVES RELATING TO THIS PRACTICE AND TO THE PROTECTION OF NATIONAL ECONOMY. "I AM ENCLOSING THE TRANSLATION OF THE DECLARATION MADE BY THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ON SEPTEMBER 12, 1974 ON THIS MATTER.

"IT IS THE EARNEST HOPE OF THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES OF TURKEY THAT YOU WILL USE EVERY AVAILABLE MEANS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE ASSISTANCE PROMISED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FACTORY FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF OPIUM ALKALOIDS IN TURKEY AS WELL AS IN SEEKING INTERNATIONAL FINANCE TO COMPENSATE THE FINANCIAL LOSS OF THE POPPY CULTIVATORS RESULTING FROM SELLING UNLANCED POPPIES.

"I SHOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD KINDLY TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS LETTER TO SIR HARRY GREENFIELD."

C. TEXT OF ENCLOSURE:

"THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, DURING ITS MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 12, 1974, HAS REVIEWED THE MEASURES ADOPTED AND THE WORK CONCLUDED IN ORDER TO EFFECTIVELY CONTROL POPPY CULTIVATION AND TO ELIMINATE ALL HUMANITARIAN CONCERNS AS MENTIONED IN THE GOVERNMENTAL DECREE, DATED JULY 1, 1974, AUTHORIZING RESUMPTION OF POPPY CULTIVATION IN A NUMBER OF PROVINCES AND DISTRICTS IN TURKEY.

"THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HAS DECIDED THAT A PRICE POLICY SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED AMONG OTHER RELEVANT MEASURES BY THE STATE IN FAVOUR OF POPPY CULTIVATORS WITH A VIEW TO INCREASING ECONOMIC PRODUCTIVITY AND THE INCOME OF THE POPPY CULTIVATORS, SHOULD THE GOVERNMENT DECIDE THAT POPPIES WOULD NOT BE LANCED."

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